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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CLAIM 1

1. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing variables from an operating system, comprising:

executing a command from an application program to store at least one variable maintained by the operating system in a data object accessible to the application program, wherein the application program is executing on the operating system;

determining an operating system native command to use to retrieve the at least one variable;

executing ~~an~~ the operating system native command in response to the command from the application program to retrieve the requested at least one variable into a buffer; ~~and~~

storing the retrieved at least one variable from the buffer into ~~in~~ the data object; and  
executing the command from the application program to retrieve the at least one variable from the data object for return to the application program.